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Dear producers and other data users:

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.3 million cattle on feed on April 1, down 2 percent from last year and slightly below April 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 310,000, down 3 percent from 2001 and 22 percent below 2000. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 300,000, down 10 percent from last year and 23 percent below March two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 compared with 15,000 during March 2001 and 10,000 during March 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. The inventory was up slightly from last year and 3 percent above April 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

STATE	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	309	314	102	29	32	110	22	27	123	5	1	20
California	435	485	111	65	68	105	56	55	98	14	3	21
Colorado	1,190	1,120	94	220	200	91	210	215	102	10	15	150
Idaho	330	325	98	72	70	97	61	59	97	1	1	100
Iowa	385	395	103	46	49	107	45	53	118	1	1	100
Kansas	2,460	2,420	98	395	435	110	385	420	109	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,350	2,300	98	320	310	97	335	300	90	15	10	67
New Mexico	97	113	116	10	19	190	20	14	70	4	1	25
Oklahoma	370	360	97	66	80	121	83	64	77	3	1	33
So. Dakota	215	220	102	43	44	102	32	33	103	3	1	33
Texas	2,730	2,900	106	455	560	123	550	495	90	15	15	100
Washington	257	230	89	53	40	75	40	37	93	1	2	200
Other States	395	395	100	68	46	68	77	53	69	6	3	50
United States	11,523	11,577	100	1,842	1,953	106	1,916	1,825	95	98	69	70

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 19, 2002.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Mar 2002 Percent of	
		Mar 2001	Feb 2002
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	575.3	97	102
Hogs, head	551.1	96	105
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	565.1	103	101
United States			
Cattle, head	2,737.3	94	105
Calves, head	77.5	92	106
Hogs, head	7,981.2	96	106
Sheep & Lambs, head	324.5	99	127
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,676.8	98	105

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 19, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.5	99
30 States	315.7	316.2	100
United States	336.8	337.3	100
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	256	244	95
30 States	5,854	5,926	101
United States	6,224	6,308	101
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	41.0	36.7	90
Broiler	773.8	790.3	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 23, 2002.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Mar 2002 Percent of	
		Mar 2001	Feb 2002
	<i>1,000 lbs</i>		
Total red meats	960,578	122	99
Beef	413,094	124	94
Pork	528,001	122	105
Poultry	1,238,071	123	108
Turkey	443,787	125	108
Chicken	787,574	122	109

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 19, 2002.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 2000-2002

Item and Quarter	Nebraska			20 States			United States		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Milk Cows ¹									
January-March	75	75	68	7,769	7,764	7,745	9,186	9,143	9,105
Milk Production ²									
January-March	309	306	283	36,640	35,551	36,415	42,622	41,267	42,271

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 17, 2002.

Manufactured Dairy Products: Production of Selected Products by Region and United States, 1999-2001

Commodity	West North Central Region			United States		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Butter	128,889	111,766	105,711	1,277,090	1,256,032	1,236,801
Yogurt	39,119	42,584	51,332	1,717,181	1,836,591	1,998,613
Nonfat Dry Milk	95,410	97,360	77,085	1,359,660	1,451,751	1,413,799
Total Cheese ¹	1,344,773	1,338,735	1,214,400	7,894,100	8,257,998	8,129,094
American Type Cheese	895,038	895,814	786,982	3,532,605	3,641,624	3,519,162
Cheddar Cheese	734,198	742,895	670,383	2,778,482	2,819,023	2,746,477
Frozen Products						
Ice Cream, Regular, Total	124,702	142,796	149,975	972,210	979,645	981,131
Ice Cream, Regular, Hard	118,965	133,941	134,533	868,438	882,104	869,153
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	44,469	42,975	55,776	381,236	373,383	406,746
Ice Cream, Lowfat Hard	13,622	11,153	11,999	97,209	88,541	88,057
Sherbet, Total	9,837	10,838	11,082	54,479	51,933	52,414

¹ Excluding cottage cheese.

Source: USDA NASS Dairy Products 2001 Summary, April 2002.

**Corn: Acreage, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2001¹**

County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production	County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		
Banner	12,300	10,400	94.9	987,200	Butler	142,000	139,600	120.5	18,428,600
Box Butte	58,000	53,500	136.4	7,300,000	Cass	123,000	121,100	112.3	13,987,000
Cheyenne	27,000	23,600	131.0	3,090,600	Colfax	106,000	101,200	128.0	14,722,400
Dawes	4,200	3,100	97.5	302,300	Dodge	143,000	141,100	138.2	19,166,800
Deuel	26,000	23,200	109.8	2,547,600	Douglas	31,000	30,000	134.3	3,984,000
Garden	21,500	20,200	116.8	2,360,200	Hamilton	189,000	184,900	151.7	32,211,800
Kimball	17,500	15,100	85.0	1,284,000	Lancaster	122,000	119,700	104.1	13,601,600
Morrill	66,000	61,700	158.0	9,749,700	Merrick	123,000	119,800	133.1	18,804,800
Scotts Bluff	91,000	85,000	145.4	12,360,600	Nance	72,000	66,700	109.8	8,304,300
Sheridan	32,000	27,900	127.9	3,567,600	Platte	192,000	182,700	116.2	25,742,700
Sioux	14,500	12,300	141.6	1,741,500	Polk	121,000	117,400	123.5	18,658,600
Other Counties					Sarpy	39,000	38,200	111.1	4,225,500
NORTHWEST	370,000	336,000	134.8	45,291,300	Saunders	175,000	171,700	122.2	22,923,400
Arthur	1,300	800	124.4	99,500	Seward	130,000	127,300	119.9	17,491,200
Blaine	2,900	2,100	148.6	312,100	Washington	83,000	81,400	129.8	10,279,200
Boyd	28,000	21,600	98.7	2,132,100	York	199,000	196,200	149.6	32,978,400
Brown	37,500	35,500	144.6	5,132,900	Other Counties				
Cherry	13,500	11,200	160.4	1,796,800	EAST	1,990,000	1,939,000	127.5	275,510,300
Garfield	12,500	11,100	147.8	1,640,600	Chase	151,000	144,900	165.2	24,702,300
Grant					Dundy	80,000	73,400	150.9	11,530,000
Holt	142,000	128,600	138.9	17,866,200	Frontier	70,000	66,800	99.0	9,360,200
Hooker					Hayes	57,000	52,100	115.8	7,154,400
Keya Paha	8,000	5,200	102.5	533,000	Hitchcock	55,000	47,300	86.1	5,542,900
Logan	18,500	17,600	139.8	2,459,600	Keith	93,000	88,000	118.3	12,291,000
Loup	7,400	5,800	131.6	763,400	Lincoln	186,000	174,200	138.2	28,253,600
McPherson	4,000	2,900	150.0	434,900	Perkins	171,000	167,900	128.0	24,397,800
Rock	20,000	19,300	158.7	3,063,200	Red Willow	77,000	70,400	85.0	8,855,200
Thomas					Other Counties				
Wheeler	28,500	24,000	147.9	3,550,000	SOUTHWEST	940,000	885,000	128.7	132,087,400
Other Counties	900	300	165.3	49,600	Adams	157,000	153,500	146.5	26,122,500
NORTH	325,000	286,000	139.3	39,833,900	Franklin	71,000	68,900	139.8	11,550,700
Antelope	155,000	148,200	145.4	21,555,000	Furnas	75,000	71,700	93.6	8,646,500
Boone	153,000	147,500	152.2	22,446,500	Gosper	59,000	57,400	130.5	9,873,500
Burt	117,000	115,200	132.1	15,217,600	Harlan	74,000	69,800	113.2	10,336,500
Cedar	146,000	137,900	137.4	18,953,200	Kearney	152,000	147,000	159.0	26,256,000
Cuming	150,000	144,300	145.1	20,939,100	Phelps	152,000	146,300	153.6	28,395,300
Dakota	56,000	54,900	137.1	7,525,700	Webster	65,000	63,400	115.4	8,794,700
Dixon	81,000	78,500	124.4	9,764,500	Other Counties				
Knox	119,000	110,000	126.2	13,880,000	SOUTH	805,000	778,000	138.5	129,975,700
Madison	126,000	119,300	129.1	15,400,600	Clay	141,000	136,100	144.3	23,234,700
Pierce	123,000	118,500	145.0	17,187,000	Fillmore	161,000	157,900	140.0	24,885,700
Stanton	76,000	71,400	140.4	10,022,000	Gage	115,000	111,000	97.6	14,898,000
Thurston	83,000	80,800	138.2	11,165,600	Jefferson	76,000	73,700	102.0	10,264,400
Wayne	105,000	98,500	150.7	14,840,000	Johnson	34,000	33,400	84.9	4,126,100
Other Counties					Nemaha	79,000	77,300	105.1	9,823,400
NORTHEAST	1,490,000	1,425,000	139.6	198,896,800	Nuckolls	65,000	63,400	105.4	9,059,600
Buffalo	183,000	176,700	167.2	29,544,800	Otoe	118,000	116,200	105.6	12,760,100
Custer	214,000	198,600	154.4	30,670,200	Pawnee	39,000	38,100	92.8	4,728,000
Dawson	193,000	182,900	176.0	32,196,400	Richardson	93,000	90,400	118.3	12,159,500
Greeley	65,000	60,300	142.9	8,615,300	Saline	96,000	95,000	109.5	13,192,300
Hall	180,000	176,600	169.8	29,989,100	Thayer	103,000	101,500	119.5	16,430,200
Howard	90,000	85,100	151.4	12,882,800	Other Counties				
Sherman	66,000	61,800	140.7	8,693,600	SOUTHEAST	1,120,000	1,094,000	116.5	155,562,000
Valley	69,000	65,000	146.2	9,500,400	NEBRASKA	8,100,000	7,750,000	126.0	1,139,250,000
Other Counties									
CENTRAL	1,060,000	1,007,000	161.0	162,092,600					

¹Missing data included in other counties, district and state totals.
Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

Potato Stocks

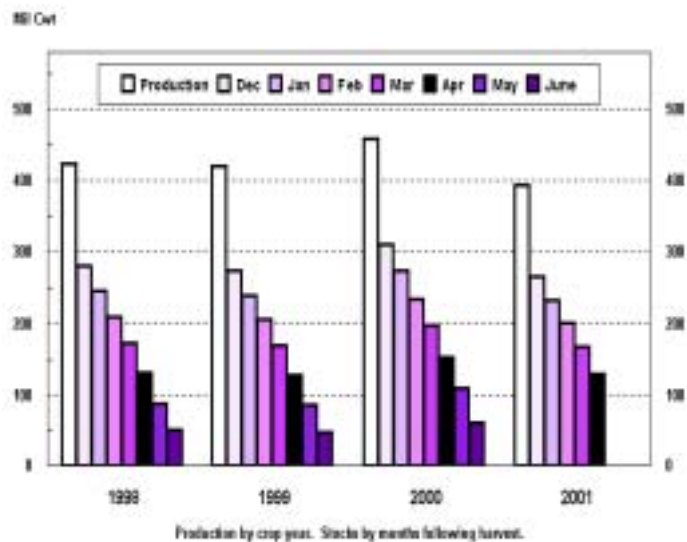
**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks,
15 Selected States, April 1, 2002**

State	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2002
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
California	1,113	170
Colorado	21,357	7,300
Idaho	127,980	53,000
Maine	16,120	5,100
Michigan	14,030	1,500
Minnesota	18,425	6,100
Montana	3,040	1,900
Nebraska ¹	8,512	
New York	5,942	250
North Dakota	26,400	10,400
Ohio ¹	984	
Oregon	20,730	8,500
Pennsylvania	3,173	260
Washington	94,400	25,000
Wisconsin	31,955	7,800
Other States		1,650
Total 15 States	394,161	128,930

¹ Nebraska and Ohio combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 15, 2002.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
15 Storage States**



U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price	
	Pro-duction	Begin-ning stocks	Im-ports	Total	Domestic		Ex-ports	Total			
					Primary Use ²	Other					
Million Bushels											\$/bu.
Corn											
1999/00	9,431	1,787	15	11,232	5,665	1,913	1,937	9,515	1,718	1.82	
2000/01	9,915	1,718	7	11,639	5,838	1,967	1,935	9,740	1,899	1.85	
2001/02 ³	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,825	2,045	1,925	9,795	1,621	1.85-1.95	
Soybeans											
1999/00	2,654	348	4	3,006	1,578	164	975	2,716	290	4.63	
2000/01	2,758	290	4	3,052	1,641	164	1,000	2,804	248	4.54	
2001/02 ³	2,891	248	3	3,141	1,685	171	1,020	2,876	265	4.10-4.40	
Wheat											
1999/00	2,299	946	94	3,339	921	380	1,301	2,390	950	2.48	
2000/01	2,232	950	90	3,272	956	379	1,335	2,396	876	2.62	
2001/02 ³	1,958	876	100	2,934	945	281	1,226	2,201	733	2.75-2.85	
Sorghum											
1999/00	595	65	0	660	285	55	255	595	65	1.57	
2000/01	471	65	0	536	220	35	239	494	42	1.89	
2001/02 ³	515	42	0	556	215	45	250	510	46	1.80-1.90	

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 10, 2002.

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